

VACATION/TRAVEL PROTOCOL UPDATE

Effective November 20, 2020

On Tuesday, November 17, the Pennsylvania Department of Health recently updated the travel order for the state of Pennsylvania. ECCSS will be following these new orders as outlined below. There are important changes that you should consider BEFORE you choose to travel. [The full text of the order can be found here.](#)

Starting Friday, November 20, Pennsylvania is **ordering** that individuals who are traveling into or returning to Pennsylvania from any other state or from international travel must either:

- Have a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours **prior** to their return
or
- Quarantine for 14 days upon return

According to the order, "Travelers who do not have their test results at the time of entry into the Commonwealth must remain at their travel destination without contact with others outside their travelling party until they receive their test results."

In other words, if you travel to another state or country, you must produce a negative test result for your child before he or she can reenter the school building. If you do not have a test in hand when you return, you and your child must self-isolate at home while waiting for the test results to arrive. We cannot allow readmittance to the school until we receive the negative results.

If your family produces a negative test result in accordance with the criteria above, we are asking families to be extra vigilant about any COVID symptoms upon your return.

During the 2 weeks following your return from travel, please keep your child at home if they exhibit any symptoms. If your child exhibits any symptoms while in school during the 2 weeks following travel, you will be asked to pick up your child.

In either circumstance, a doctor's release will be required in order for your child to return to school.

For complete details and frequently asked questions concerning the updated travel order, please visit [COVID-19 Information for Travelers](#).

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our students, faculty and staff stay safe and healthy so we may continue serving students in person.

Again, please take these state directives into account before making any final decision about traveling, especially during the upcoming holiday season.